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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS-DEFENDANTS AND MILITARY COURT

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1. WE RELAYED YOUR PRELIMINARY REPORT TO BILL BUTLER WHO SAID HE KNEW AND TRUSTED LAHADJI. BUTLER SUGGESTED EMBASSY MIGHT APPROACH GOI TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER SAVAK ARREST DID TAKE PLACE AND WHETHER MILITARY TRIAL FOR 38 INDIVIDUALS IS, IN FACT, PLANNED. INQUIRY MIGHT PRESENT GOI WITH OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY POLICY ON MILITARY VERSUS CIVILIAN TRIALS FOR DISSIDENTS.

2. WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION IN LIGHT OF TACTICAL SITUATION AND UNDETERMINED ADEQUACY OF FACTUAL INFORMATION WHETHER APPROACH TO GOI AT THIS TIME WOULD BE USEFUL INITIATIVE. PLEASE CONTINUE TO REPORT ON THIS CASE. CHRISTOPHER

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